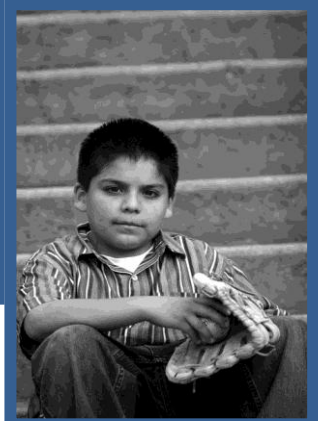


# *Wyoming* **CRIMES**

## *Against Children Conference*

Improving Response and Services to Child Victims



**May 18-20, 2010**

**The Plains Hotel  
Cheyenne, Wyoming**

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# **CRIMES** *Against Children Conference*

The Wyoming Division of Victim Services (DVS) is proud to announce the Crimes Against Children Conference. This is the first conference specifically addressing child victimization in Wyoming and is designed to improve response and services to child victims.

The DVS would like to thank our gracious sponsors:

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# Crimes *Against Children* Conference 2010

***Tuesday, May 18, 2010***

**7:00 – 8:00** Registration and Breakfast

**8:00 – 8:30** Opening Remarks

**8:30 – 10:00** General Session

***Resources at the Center for Missing and Exploited Children***, Peter Banks, National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (NCMEC)

The National Center for Missing & Exploited Children (NCMEC) was created in 1984 as a resource for law enforcement, child protection professionals and parents. This session will focus on the dynamics of child victimization as it pertains to missing children and child sexual exploitation. This session will also identify many of the resources available to law enforcement to aid in their investigations.

**10:00 – 10:15** Break

**10:15 – 11:45** Workshop Sessions

**(A) *On Scene Investigation*, Mark Wynn, Wynn Consulting**

This session guides the investigating officer from the 911 calls to prosecution. Designed to improve the officer's skills in conducting an investigation illustrating the CALM technique of gaining control and stabilizing the incident. This session will cover the five objectives of domestic violence investigation including documentation of the evidence and interview techniques for the offender-victim-children.

**(B) *Working with Developmentally Disabled Victims & Witnesses*, Justin Fitzsimmons, National District Attorney's Association ( NDAA)**

Children with disabilities are abused physically and sexually more than any other group. Studies show that children with disabilities are up to ten times more likely to be physically or sexually abused. This session will discuss why children with disabilities are often the target of abuse and how to protect those children when they are abused.

**(C) *Abusive Head Injury*, Dr. Antonia Chiesa, KEMPE Center**

This session is designed to provide a basic understanding of the epidemiology, medical presentation and outcomes of abusive head injury. Topics will also include medical mimics of abuse and medico-legal controversies.

**11:45 – 1:15** Lunch on your own

**1:15 – 2:45** General Session

***Finding and Helping the "Hidden Victims"-Responding to Children at the Crime Scene***, Mark Wynn, Wynn Consulting

One of the most overlooked and forgotten victims of domestic violence are the "hidden" victims; the children. This course provides the service provider (law enforcement, social services, etc.) with a deeper understanding of the obstacles, behaviors, investigation tips and safety plans needed for a successful interview and intervention with children.

**2:45 – 3:00** Break

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## 3:00 – 4:30 Workshop Sessions

- (A) *A Pediatrician's Perspective on Child Sexual Abuse*, Dr. Antonia Chiesa, KEMPE Center**  
This session will cover the medical aspects of child sexual abuse. Topics to be discussed include basic genital anatomy, common physical findings in child sexual abuse cases, and components of the medical history, forensic evidence collection, and outcomes of child sexual abuse.
- (B) *Preparing Children for Court and Court for Children*, Justin Fitzsimmons, National District Attorney's Association ( NDAA)**  
Presenting the testimony of a child at trial presents many challenges. This session addresses the issues faced by prosecutors and law enforcement when they have to present the testimony of a child. The discussion will focus on pre-trial preparation and motions, as well as methods that can be used to reduce the trauma a child experiences when they must testify during a child abuse case.
- (C) *Childhood Interrupted*, Dr. Gizane Indart, Denver Children's Advocacy Center**  
This session focuses on the chronically traumatized child; the child often seen in foster homes, residential treatment centers, etc. This child has been the victim of early and, in many cases, chronic abuse, neglect and exploitation. In order to successfully work with these children and advocate for their multiple and complex needs, professionals in the field should gain a better understanding of the complex world of the traumatized child. "Childhood Interrupted" is an interactive session that requires an active participation from the audience. Case vignettes will be used throughout the presentation.

**4:30-5:30 Evening Cocktail Hour: Join us for networking with complimentary drinks and hors d'œuvres.**

## ***Wednesday, May 19, 2010***

### **7:30 – 8:30 Breakfast**

### **8:30 – 10:00 General Session**

#### ***Sex Offenders in Your Backyard*, Derek VanLuchene, Ryan United**

During this session, participants will hear the tragic story of the abduction and murder of Ryan VanLuchene on August 31, 1987, by a repeat sex offender. Since that time Derek, the older brother of Ryan, has devoted himself to issues of sex offender management as well as child abduction response. Derek has had a career as a law enforcement officer and is the founder of Ryan United, a non-profit organization dedicated to his brother. This session will give participants the tools they need to assist them in the fight to keep communities safe. Mostly, they will take a renewed sense of direction when it comes to doing their jobs and the realization of how important each individual is in this fight for the protection of our children.

### **10:00 – 10:15 Break**



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## 10:15 – 11:45 Workshop Sessions

**(A) *Investigations Involving Compliant Teens*, Karen Blackwell, Denver Children's Advocacy Center**

The session will address the unique issues involved when interviewing the compliant adolescent victim. Training topics will include understanding developmental considerations, disclosure patterns, societal issues, and court considerations. The session will provide specific tools to most effectively and collaboratively investigate child sexual assaults that involve compliant victims utilizing a multidisciplinary approach.

**(B) *Investigating and Prosecuting Authority Figure Cases*, Kristina Korobov, National District Attorney's Association (NDAA)**

This session will focus on strategies that can be employed when investigating and prosecuting a child abuse case where the suspect is an authority figure. These types of cases present a unique challenge to law enforcement and prosecutors. We will discuss how corroboration and pretrial preparation can help child abuse prevention professionals successfully prosecute these cases.

**(C) *How Kids Cope with Trauma*, Viki Sharp, Consultant**

This session will focus on the physiological and psychological impact trauma has on children. It will address the unique reactions children experience when they witness, or are the victim, of crime including domestic violence, death, molestation and other relevant incidents. A short review of developmental stages and brain development as it pertains to child trauma will be provided as a framework. The majority of the session will focus on simple, practical techniques to assist a child in the aftermath of crime, with special emphasis on the use of drawings as a tool.

## 11:45-1:15 Lunch provided in the Ballroom

## 1:15 – 2:45 Workshop Sessions

**(A) *Basic Interviewing Skills*, Karen Blackwell, Denver Children's Advocacy Center**

This session is designed to introduce participants to the basic skills needed to communicate with children, question them about being a victim or witness to a crime and work with them in the court setting. Understanding and developing the skills necessary to solicit critical information from a child witnesses can be vital to the success of a variety of cases including family violence, child abuse, homicide, missing persons and drug investigations. Participants will have the opportunity to learn about basic interview techniques used with children. We will also discuss child linguistic and memory development and why some children have delayed disclosures, recant or change their statements.

**(B) *When a Child Takes It Back: Recantation in Cases of Child Abuse*, Kristina Korobov, National District Attorney's Association (NDAA)**

For a child who discloses physical and sexual abuse, the pressure placed on them can be tremendous. This can result in the child recanting their disclosure of child abuse. This session will discuss book strategies for dealing with situations where a child recants their allegation of abuse and how to minimize the chances that a child will recant.

**(C) *Stewards of Children, Part 1*, Traci Mears, Natrona County CASA**

Darkness to Light's® *Stewards of Children*™ is a revolutionary sexual abuse prevention training program that educates adults to prevent, recognize, and react responsibly to child sexual abuse. The program is designed for organizations that serve youth and recognizes that adults are responsible for the safety of children. This two part session includes an interactive workbook and accompanying 1 ¼ hour VHS/DVD of sexual abuse survivors relating their stories of violation and healing.

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**2:45-3:00 Break**

**3:00-4:30 Workshop Sessions**

**(A) *Bumps & Bruises 101: Investigating and Documenting Seemingly Minor Physical Abuse*, Susan Samuel, National Child Protection Training Center (NCPTC)**

Garden variety physical abuse, especially in small children, is sometimes the precursor to serious injury or even death. It is imperative that CPS workers learn to accurately identify and document seemingly minor non-accidental injury in order to correctly assess risk to the child. Often, in these types of cases, there is no coordination between CPS and law enforcement, because law enforcement has determined the degree of injury is not sufficient for a criminal charge. This session explores the difficulties workers face as they attempt to sort out accidental from non-accidental injuries and accurately document what they observe.

**(B) *Working with Non-Offending Parents*, Valerie Macri-Lind and Kandy Moore, Child Safe**  
This session is designed to provide professionals with tools and strategies to effectively work with non-offending family members of child sexual abuse victims. This workshop will discuss common feelings and needs of family members; how offenders groom and manipulate them; and strategies for engaging families in the healing process. We will also address therapeutic goals in working with family members and the unique challenges of working with families where there is sibling incest.

**(C) *Stewards of Children, Part 2*, Traci Mears, Natrona County CASA**

***Thursday, May 20, 2010***

**7:30 – 8:30 Breakfast**

**8:30 – 10:00 Workshop Sessions**

**(A) *Drug Related Child Abuse: From Rescue to Restoration*, Holly Hopper, National Drug Endangered Children Training and Advocacy Center (NDEC-TAC)**

The session will discuss the hazards associated with living in a drug home and be able to describe the associated harm to a child. Participants will be able to recognize signs of child maltreatment and indicators of drug use in the home. Participants will recognize the potential costs and consequences of the cycle of addiction on the child, other family members, the community and society at large. We will also discuss how the roles of community agencies respond to drug related crime victims, especially children.

**(B) *Human Trafficking and Exploitation of Minors*, Lauren Croucher, Colorado Organization for Victim Assistance (COVA)**

This session will explore definitions and dimensions of human trafficking, with a focus on sex and labor exploitation of minors, both international and domestic. We will examine ways to identify these situations, tools for investigations and resources that are available for youth in these situations. We will also take a close look at why young people stay in these situations. We will be able to explore how different partners in the system - advocates, law enforcement and prosecution, can support one another.

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**8:30 – 10:00 Workshop Sessions *continued***

**(C) *What Good Folks Need to Know About Bad Guys: How to Utilize the Thoughts of Child Sex Offenders***, Susan Samuel, National Child Protection Training Center (NCPTC)

The FBI asserts that "human behavior is consistent..." and that premise can drive child sexual abuse investigations. Knowing how child sex offenders think, particularly about responsibility for their acts and the impact of their behavior on their victims, can assist investigators in developing tactics that will more likely lead to improved prosecution. In this session, four child sex offenders will validate the FBI's assertion. Their words, captured in a written confession and on audio and video recordings, will serve as the foundation for participants to formulate successful investigation strategies.

**10:00 – 10:15 Break**

**10:15 – 12:15 General Session & Closing Remarks**

***Working with Children Can Be Hazardous to Your Health***, Viki Sharp, Consultant

Helping abused children and kids that have been exposed to violence and trauma takes a toll on professionals. Children are so vulnerable and often unable to self protect. Learn common reactions experienced by helpers and ways to cope and keep life in balance. This session will end the conference with fun, laughter and hope.

**The Wyoming Division of Victim Services**

**looks forward to seeing you in Cheyenne.**

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# Crimes *Against Children* Conference 2010

*One registration form per person. Please register by May 7, 2010.*

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**I have enclosed my registration fee in the amount of \$65.00 \_\_\_\_\_**

Registration includes sessions, materials, snacks and meals.

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## ***Hotel Information***

**The Plains Hotel - 1600 Central Ave - Cheyenne, WY 82001**

**Room Rate is \$70 per night.**

**Please mention Crimes Against Children Conference when booking.**

**In order to receive conference rate, please make reservations by April 18, 2010.**

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## ***Continuing Education***

**18 POST credits, 1.6 CEU's and 15 CLE's have been approved for the conference.**



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